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1. Salimonov (also known as Suliemenov), supply chief for Wismut A.G., makes approximately one visit monthly to Vienna, where he purchases material from western Germany through Austrian businessmen headed by Johann Haselgruber*, who is assisted by Blasner (fnu), von Appelt (fnu)**, Hans Albin***, and Kratzer (or Kratze) (fnu). The material is delivered from western Germany via Berlin direct to Wismut at Chemnitz. Salimonov was in Vienna from 26-30 August 1949; Haselgruber was in Chemnitz on 30 September. Salimanov's activity with USIA has also been confirmed.

2. Among the cover names used by Wismut is that of Technisches Kontor, Chemnitz.***

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* [REDACTED] for reported business between Haselgruber and the Soviets.

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** [REDACTED] states that one von Appel represents Haselgruber at the Hotel Kaiserhof, Essen, Germany.

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*** Comment: At present Hans Albin is the Director General of Intrac
A.G., Vienna I, Singerstrasse 17.

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 *** Comment: This is the first report of such cover name for 'ismut.

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